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Election of members of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Pursuant to section V of Economic and Social Council resolution 557 C (XVIII), as amended by the Council in its decision of 19 December 1968, information on the forthcoming vacancies in the functional commissions to be filled by the Council is set out in the annex to the present note. Elections for these vacancies will be conducted by the Council at its coordination and management meetings, to be held from 16 to 18 April 2018.

2. Under the terms of Economic and Social Council resolution 1147 (XLI), in 2018 the members of the Statistical Commission, the Commission on Population and Development, the Commission for Social Development, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and the Commission on Science and Technology for Development are to be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution according to a specified pattern. The pattern applicable to each functional commission is indicated in the annex, together with the current membership.

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Annex

Membership of the functional commissions in 2018

Statistical Commission

(24 members; four-year term)

Five members from African States[1]

Egypt (2021), Kenya (2019), South Africa (2021), Togo (2019)

Four members from Asia-Pacific States

China (2020), Japan (2020), Qatar (2019), Republic of Korea (2019)

Four members from Eastern European States

Belarus (2020), Latvia (2019), Romania (2019), Russian Federation (2021)

Four members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Colombia (2020), Cuba (2019), Mexico (2020), Peru (2021)

Seven members from Western European and other States

Canada (2021), Denmark (2021), Germany (2020), Netherlands (2021), Switzerland (2020), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2020), United States of America (2019)

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There are no regular vacancies on the Commission to be filled in 2018.

[1] There is one vacancy in this group for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2021 (see Council decision 2017/201 B).

Commission on Population and Development

(47 members; four-year term: membership for the fifty-second session (2018–2019))[2]

Twelve members from African States[3]

Burkina Faso (2022), Burundi* (2019), Cameroon (2021), Madagascar (2021), Mali (2021), Mauritania (2022), Morocco (2020), Sierra Leone* (2019), Sudan (2020), Uganda (2020)

Eleven members from Asia-Pacific States[4]

Bangladesh (2022), China (2022), Iran (Islamic Republic of)* (2019), Japan (2021), Philippines* (2019), Qatar (2020), Turkmenistan (2020), Vanuatu (2022)

Five members from Eastern European States

Belarus* (2019), Bulgaria (2022), Republic of Moldova (2020), Romania (2021), Russian Federation (2022)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Argentina (2022), Bolivia (Plurinational State of)* (2019), Brazil (2021), Chile (2020), Colombia (2022), Cuba (2021), Haiti (2022), Jamaica* (2019), Mexico (2021)

Ten members from Western European and other States[5]

Belgium (2021), Canada (2020), Denmark (2021), Finland (2020), France (2021), Germany (2022), Israel* (2019), Netherlands (2022), United States of America (2022)

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Eight members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Two members from African States;

Two members from Asia-Pacific States;

One member from Eastern European States;

Two members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

One member from Western European and other States.

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* Retiring member.

[2] In accordance with its decision 2005/213, the Council will elect the new members for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting, to be held in 2019, of the Commission's fifty-third session and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-sixth session, in 2023.

[3] There are two vacancies in this group for a term beginning at the first meeting, to be held in 2018, of the Commission's fifty-second session and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-fifth session, in 2022 (see Council decision 2018/201 B).

[4] There are three vacancies in this group as follows: two for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-fourth session, in 2021; and one for a term beginning at the first meeting, to be held in 2018, of the Commission's fifty-second session and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-fifth session, in 2022 (see Council decision 2018/201 B).

[5] There is one vacancy in this group for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-fourth session, in 2021 (see Council decision 2018/201 B).

Commission for Social Development[6]

(46 members; four-year term: membership for the fifty-seventh session (2018–2019))

Twelve members from African States

Algeria* (2019), Benin* (2019), Burundi* (2019), Congo (2020), Côte d'Ivoire (2021), Ghana (2020), Madagascar (2021), Malawi (2021), Namibia* (2019), Rwanda (2020), Senegal (2020), Sudan (2021)

Ten members from Asia-Pacific States[7]

Bangladesh (2020), China (2021), Iran (Islamic Republic of)* (2019), Iraq* (2019), Japan (2020), Qatar* (2019), Republic of Korea (2020), Turkmenistan (2021)

Five members from Eastern European States

Belarus (2020), Bulgaria (2021), Republic of Moldova* (2019), Romania (2021), Russian Federation (2020)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Bolivia (Plurinational State of)* (2019), Brazil (2021), Colombia* (2019), El Salvador (2020), Haiti (2021), Mexico* (2019), Panama (2021), Paraguay (2020), Peru (2020)

Ten members from Western European and other States[8]

Austria* (2019), Iceland (2020), Israel* (2019), France (2021), Portugal* (2019), Switzerland (2021), United States of America (2020)

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Fourteen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;

Three members from Asia-Pacific States;

One member from Eastern European States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Three members from Western European and other States.

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[6] In accordance with its decision 2002/210, the Council will elect 14 new members for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's fifty-eighth session in 2019 and expiring at the close of the Commission's sixty-first session, in 2023.

[7] There are two vacancies in this group for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-ninth session, in 2021 (see Council decision 2017/201 B).

[8] There are three vacancies in the group as follows: two for a term expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-ninth session, in 2021, and one for a term expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-eighth session, in 2020, all terms beginning on the date of election (see Council decision 2017/201 B).

Commission on the Status of Women

(45 members; four-year term: membership of the sixty-third session (2018–2019))[9]

Thirteen members from African States

Algeria (2022), Comoros (2022), Congo (2022), Equatorial Guinea* (2019), Eritrea (2020), Ghana (2022), Kenya (2022), Liberia* (2019), Malawi* (2019), Namibia (2021), Niger (2021), Nigeria (2020), Tunisia (2021)

Eleven members from Asia-Pacific States

Bahrain (2021), China (2021), Iran (Islamic Republic of)* (2019), Iraq (2022), Japan (2022), Kuwait (2020), Mongolia* (2019), Qatar (2020), Republic of Korea (2022), Saudi Arabia (2022), Turkmenistan (2022)

Four members from Eastern European States

Albania* (2019), Bosnia and Herzegovina* (2019), Estonia (2021), Russian Federation (2020)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Brazil (2020), Chile (2021), Colombia* (2019), Ecuador (2022), Guatemala (2020), Haiti (2022), Nicaragua (2022), Peru (2021), Trinidad and Tobago (2020)

Eight members from Western European and other States

Belgium* (2019), Canada (2021), Ireland (2021), Israel (2021), Liechtenstein* (2019), Norway (2020), Spain* (2019), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2020)

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Eleven members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Three members from African States;

Two members from Asia-Pacific States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

One member from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Three members from Western European and other States.

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[9] In accordance with its decision 2002/234, the Council will elect 11 new members for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting in 2019 of the Commission's sixty-fourth session and expiring at the close of the Commission's sixty-seventh session, in 2023.

Commission on Narcotic Drugs[10]

(53 members; four-year term)

Eleven members from African States

Algeria (2021), Burkina Faso (2021), Cameroon (2019), Côte d'Ivoire (2021), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2019), Kenya (2019), Mauritania (2019), South Africa (2019), Sudan (2019), Togo (2021), Uganda (2019)

Eleven members from Asia-Pacific States[10]

Afghanistan (2021), China (2019), India (2021), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2019), Iraq (2021), Japan (2019), Kyrgyzstan (2021), Pakistan (2019), Qatar (2019), Republic of Korea (2019), Thailand (2019)

Six members from Eastern European States

Belarus (2019), Croatia (2021), Czechia (2021), Hungary (2019), Russian Federation (2021), Slovakia (2019)

Eleven members from Latin American and Caribbean States[10]

Argentina (2019), Brazil (2021), Chile (2021), Colombia (2021), Cuba (2021), Ecuador (2019), El Salvador (2019), Guatemala (2019), Mexico (2019), Peru (2019), Uruguay (2019)

Fourteen members from Western European and other States

Australia (2021), Austria (2019), Belgium (2021), Canada (2021), France (2021), Germany (2019), Israel (2019), Italy (2019), Netherlands (2019), Norway (2019), Spain (2019), Switzerland (2021), Turkey (2019), United States of America (2019)

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There are no regular vacancies on the Commission to be filled in 2018.

[10] In accordance with Council resolution 1991/49, one seat rotates between Asia-Pacific States and Latin American and Caribbean States every four years. In 2015, the rotating seat was allocated to Latin American and Caribbean States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2016, giving Asia-Pacific States and Latin American and Caribbean States 11 seats each.

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

(40 members; three-year term)[11]

Twelve members from African States[12]

Benin* (2018), Cameroon* (2018), Côte d'Ivoire* (2018), Egypt (2020), Kenya (2020), Mauritania (2020), Mauritius (2020), Morocco (2020), South Africa* (2018), Togo (2020)

Nine members from Asia-Pacific States

Afghanistan (2020), China (2020), India* (2018), Indonesia (2020), Iran (Islamic Republic of)* (2018), Japan (2020), Pakistan* (2018), Republic of Korea* (2018), Saudi Arabia* (2018)

Four members from Eastern European States

Belarus* (2018), Bulgaria (2020), Russian Federation (2020), Serbia* (2018)

Eight members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (2020), Brazil* (2018), Chile* (2018), Colombia (2020), Cuba* (2018), Guatemala* (2018), Mexico* (2018), Uruguay (2020)

Seven members from Western European and other States

Austria* (2018), France* (2018), Germany (2020), Italy (2020), Sweden* (2018), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2020), United States of America* (2018)

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Twenty members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;

Five members from Asia-Pacific States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Five members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Four members from Western European and other States.

[11] The Council will elect 20 new members for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2019 and expiring on 31 December 2021.

[12] There are two vacancies in this group for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2020 (see Council decision 2018/201 B).

Commission on Science and Technology for Development[13]

(43 members; four-year term)

Eleven members from African States

Angola* (2018), Burkina Faso (2020), Cameroon (2020), Côte d'Ivoire* (2018), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2020), Kenya* (2018), Mauritania* (2018), Mauritius* (2018), Nigeria (2020), South Africa (2020), Uganda* (2018)

Nine members from Asia-Pacific States

China* (2018), India* (2018), Iran (Islamic Republic of)* (2018), Japan (2020), Kazakhstan (2020), Pakistan* (2018), Saudi Arabia (2020), Thailand* (2018), Turkmenistan (2020)

Five members from Eastern European States

Bulgaria* (2018), Hungary (2020), Latvia* (2018), Poland* (2018), Russian Federation (2020)

Eight members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Bolivia (Plurinational State of)* (2018), Brazil (2020), Chile (2020), Cuba* (2018), Dominican Republic* (2018), El Salvador (2020), Mexico (2020), Peru* (2018)

Ten members from Western European and other States[14]

Austria (2020), Canada* (2018), Germany (2020), Portugal (2020), Sweden* (2018), Switzerland (2020), Turkey* (2018), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland* (2018), United States of America* (2018)

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Twenty-three members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Six members from African States;

Five members from Asia-Pacific States;

Three members from Eastern European States;

Four members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Five members from Western European and other States.

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[13] The Council will elect 23 new members for a four-year term beginning 1 January 2019 and expiring on 31 December 2022.

[14] There is one vacancy in this group for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2020 (see Council decision 2017/201 B).